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**Employee Training Report
Required by 16 Texas Admin. Code § 25.97(d)**

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AFFECTED ENTITY: Rusk County Electric Cooperative

General Information

Pursuant to 16 Texas Admin. Code § 25.97(d)(2), not later than the 30th day after the date an affected entity finalizes a material change to a document or training program, the affected entity must submit an updated report. The first report must be submitted not later than May 1, 2020.

Instructions

Answer all questions, fill-in all blanks, and have the report notarized in the Affidavit.

Affidavit

A representative of the affected entity must swear to and affirm the truthfulness, correctness, and completeness of the information provided by attaching a signed and notarized copy of the Affidavit provided with this form.

Filing Instructions

Submit four copies (an original and three copies) of the completed form and signed and notarized Affidavit to:

Central Records Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326
Telephone: (512) 936-7180

1. Provide a summary description of hazard recognition training documents you provide your employees related to overhead transmission and distribution facilities.

Hazard recognition training is given at Rusk County Electric Cooperative at least on an annual basis to all employees. In addition to this, an overview of HB-4150 requirements was also given to employees. This includes hazard recognition training as it applies to the requirements of compliance with NESC. The training also includes to whom, when and how the bill applies.

Hazard recognition training is conducted by Texas Electric Cooperatives training staff and is also discussed during weekly safety meetings.

2. Provide a summary description of training programs you provide your employees related to the National Electrical Safety Code for construction of electric transmission and distribution lines.

All employees at Rusk County Electric Cooperative are generally trained to ensure NESC basic vertical and horizontal electrical clearances. Furthermore, line workers, supervisors, and right-of-way coordinators are trained to recognize instances of electrical hazards for minimum vertical clearance, adjacent facilities/trees/structures encroachment, minimum horizontal clearances, and conflicts with neighboring electric and tele-com utilities per NESC specifications.

Engineers and staking technicians receive training on sag requirements, ground clearances, clearances to buildings, signs, pools, and grain bins. Training also includes appropriate use of pole class, materials and equipment, and electrical structure designs. These initial designs are reviewed by an engineer or experienced line designer prior to issuing to construction to ensure that electrical hazards are eliminated.

NESC design and construction compliance training is provided by Texas Electric Cooperatives through occasional off-site classes attended by staking technicians, engineers, and line personnel.

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AFFIDAVIT

I swear or affirm that I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this report or am relying on people with personal knowledge, that I am competent to testify to them, and that I have the authority to submit this report on behalf of the affected entity. I further swear or affirm that all statements made in this report are true, correct, and complete.

Rhett Reid
Signature

Rhett Reid
Printed Name

General Manager/CEO
Job Title

Rusk County Electric Cooperative
Name of Affected Entity

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29 day of APRIL, 2020
Month Year

Grace Linda Forbus
Notary Public in and For the State of TEXAS

My commission expires on OCTOBER 16, 2020

